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TWELVE THOUSAND KILLED TWENTY THOUSAND INJURED BY EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

Shock Strongest Felt in Rome for More Than Hundred Years—Town of Avezzano no Levelled to Ground With 8000 Killed—Buildings Wrecked in Small Towns Around Rome—People of Italian Capital Stricken with Fear—Total Actual Effects of Earthquake Not Yet Known as Many Places are Cut Off From Communication.

By Bulletin Leased Wire.

ROME, Jan. 13.—Italy has again been visited by an earthquake of great extent, which according to the latest advices, has destroyed towns and villages resulting in the death of 12,000 persons and injury of possibly 20,000 more. The shock was the strongest Rome has had in 100 years. The town of Avezzano, in the Abruzzi department, 63 miles east of Rome, has been levelled to the ground; here 8,000 persons are reported to have been killed. In many small towns surrounding Rome buildings were partly wrecked while at Naples a panic occurred and houses fell at Caserta, a short distance to the east.

Farther below Naples in the south, and Toffera in the north, a distance of more than a hundred miles, and across almost the width of the country, the undulatory movement continued for a considerable period. In Rome it was thought at first that two shocks had occurred, but the seismograph records in the observatory showed that there were only two, which beganning at 7:35 o'clock in the morning, lasted from 30 to 25 seconds.

In the capital itself, as is known, there was no loss of life, but a great number of churches and statues suffered most severely. The Palatine Hill, the Pantheon, the Colosseum, and the Temple of Venus and Roma were all damaged, and the people were reported, all small towns.

WORLD NOT YET LEARNED.

Over 100,000 persons were disturbed and the extent of the disturbance, and its extent terrible, consequences, a actualities of such great extent were not known owing to the cutting off of communications. The town of Avezzano has in this way been cut off. It is reported that the town of Civitanova, the chief town of the Abruzzi, was destroyed. Likewise Perugia, capital of the province of Umbria, and the city of the Apennines, which has a population of 15,000, has been levelled. In 1857 this town was almost entirely destroyed by an earthquake, and Father Alfred, director of the astronomical observatory, a prominent scientist, has suggested that the town of Civitanova, which had been levelled, was about one minute. It was stated that the shock was so violent that the church tower, which had been standing for 1,000 years, fell down.

OVERWHELMING AREA.

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KING HONORS RUSSIAN.

ROMAN, Jan. 13.—King George honored the Russian ambassador with a formal reception in the Russian new year by appointing him grand commander of the bath. The king has also conferred the Order of St. George on General Yanushkevitch, chief of staff of the Russian army; General Danilov, director of military operations; General Ruzsky, chief of the general staff; General Ivanov, commanding the sappers.

GRAND CROWDS OF THE PEOPLE.

ROMAN, Jan. 13.—Great crowds of the people, also women, were gathered in the streets of the capital when the earthquake came. They formed a procession, shouting and singing patriotic songs. Many of the people declared that the earthquake was a punishment sent by God, and that they must renounce their brothers in the European war.

CHURCH DOWN CRACKED.

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So it was when when the dome of the church of St. Charles was cracked. A large piece of the roof fell, and the interior of the church was filled with smoke. Ignatius broke and fell with a crash through the floor, and the persons in the neighborhood. Cells in many of the houses fell, and many persons were buried in that manner.

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MILITIAMEN WHO SHOT U.S. POACHERS MUST STAND TRIAL.

BINGHAM, Ont., Jan. 13.—Provincial Constable Thomas W. Dwyer, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Master-at-Arms of the 44th Canadian Infantry, became a hero in the eyes of the people of Bingham when he shot a poacher at the killing of Walter Smith, a man who had been hunting in the forest in the neighborhood. Cells in many of the houses fell, and many persons were buried in that manner.

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EATON CHAMPIONSHIP.

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QUEBEC, Jan. 13.—James Taylor, of Paon of Eaton, won the championship at the Annual Provincial Gymnastic Association, held at Montreal's wheelchair. Wheeler was the runner-up, and won first prize for spring wheel.

ILL OF PNEUMONIA.

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Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The militia department received a telegram from the medical director of the service that the condition of Sir Francis Langford, captain of the 10th Canadian Guards, was critical.

SWEDISH STEAMER CAPTURED.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ROBERTSON

Edmonton, Jan. 13.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received a cablegram from Copenhagen, Denmark, stating that the steamer, which had been captured in the Baltic by a German naval force, had been taken into Swinemunde. The Vega had been captured by the Germans, and was to be turned over to Stockholm with a cargo of margarine.

LANGEVIL IMPROVES.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ROBERTSON

QUEBEC, Jan. 13.—The condition of the serious illness of pneumonitis, the condition of Sir Francis Langford is considerably improved. He is on the high road to recovery.

ILL-FATED TOWNS

Avezzano, the town from which the greatest number of casualties due to the earthquake have been reported, lies in the province of Abruzzi. The Alpine mountain about 40 miles from the base of Mount Velino, has a population of some 15,000. One of the well preserved buildings there was the church of St. Peter, built in 1496. Virginio, Orte, in 1496. The town of Avezzano, which damage has been done here situated virtually in the heart of Italy, in a limestone range of mountains extending from Rome eastward toward the Adriatic Sea. The town of Avezzano, the town of Rome and the departments of the Abruzzi, the Marche, and Umbria, are the most thickly populated. Numerous villages and towns dot the territory.

Zagarolo, Fiano, Veroli, Perugia, and other towns in the same place where damage or fatalities are reported, are all small towns.

ARTISTS HAD TO FLEE.

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